



**State Rehabilitation Council of Delaware
for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**
Supporting Employment for Delawareans with Disabilities

MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2014;

12:00noon – 2:00pm: lunch provided

New Castle County: Monica Edgar, Paul Beane, Larry Henderson, Stan Mifflin, Ed Tos, Andrea Guest, HarrietAnn Litwin, Cindi Era

Dover Office

Lisa Furber, Mila Wells, Parent Information Center

12:00 Welcome from the Chairperson- Lisa

Meeting started at 12:06pm. Lisa welcomed everyone.

12:06 DVR Director's Report- Andrea

- Andrea Guest reminded everyone that the Federal Fiscal year was coming to a close.
- VR held its first Quarterly Vendor Meeting
- Focus is on quality measures; does the job match their career match, which will improve job sustainability
- Motivational Interviewing- a style to get the client engaged in employment goals
 - The entire staff will be trained within a year.
 - We would like to get our vendor partners thinking the same way
- We have updated our Vision and Mission Statements.
- WIOA (Work Innovation & Opportunity Act) legislation emphasizes the Dual-Customer model, both Clients and Businesses, to emphasize recruitment, training, and retention.
- The reauthorization of the Rehabilitation act can be found here:
 - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/ras/wioa-reauthorization.html>
- Federally, the Rehabilitation Services Administration will remain in the U.S. Department of Education.
- Federally, Independent Living will be moving under Dept. of Health and Human Services.
- WIOA mandates that 15% of VR budget be allotted to Transition Services. In Delaware, we already spend more than that on Transition, and our transition services have been used as a great, interagency, transition model.
 - One change for Transition may result in doing some outreach to youth as young as 14 years old, making them aware of Transition Services available.
- Pathways Program will be able to serve students who are 14yo and Medicaid eligible. DDDS, DVI and Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities will be serving these students.
- May be changing outcome measures to follow Common Measures as used by Employment & Training.

12:20 Update on changes in Rehab Act/Andrea, Ed

- RSA has changed the Technical Assistance Training Center (better known as George Washington TACE program). TACE Centers around the country are disbanding and being replaced by “Mega-TACE” centers with two focuses
 - “Job Driven TACE” center to serve the country focusing on a few VR centers
 - Transition TACE Center which will be serving the country.
 - Focus will be on gaining work experiences, volunteer opportunities while students are still in school.
- Start on Success-grant paid internships (paid by the school districts).
- Project SEARH is being successfully implemented in New Castle County with Christina Health Care System and will start in Kent with Bay Health
- Working on developing an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Medicaid
- **SRC Activities- Lisa, Ed**
 - **Leadership/Membership**
 - SRC has no Vice-Chair. There is a position available and interest is being solicited.
 - **Meeting Schedule**
 - The RSA mandates that State Rehab Counsels hold quarterly meetings. We currently hold bimonthly meetings, it is suggested that we pare them down to quarterly meetings, plus the end of year wrap up meeting in December. A change to the number of meetings would require a change to the bylaws which would need to be voted on, officially.
 - Another suggestion is to change the hours of the meetings from lunch time (12-2) to dinner time (5-7pm). Please see the attached ballot to voice your opinion.
 - Moni Edgar and HarrietAnn Litwin will coordinate the Yearly wrap up event on December 8.
 - **Deliverables**
 - A resource manual has been created on a flash drive. Please contact Ed Tos to receive one (ed.tos@state.de.us)
 - Customer Satisfaction Survey. Moni Edgar, Lisa Furber, and HarrietAnn Litwin will be working on the customer satisfaction survey.
- **Other Business/ updates- Council members**
 - **DELARF**
 - Represents 35 organizations for policy changes and legislation changes.
 - Wants to include more training
 - Is developing a blueprint to increase employer interest
 - **WIB**
 - Building career ladders
 - Expanding employment opportunities
 - Would like an update from Dale Matusevich on Career Cruising at the next SRC (October 14) meeting
- **Adjourn Meeting 1:45 pm**